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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TRINIDAD --DISCUSSION
TOPICS PROPOSED BY GOTT

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER DONALDSON TODAY INFORMED ME THAT
ON BASIS OF PRIME MINISTER'S CURRENT THINKING HE WOULD
LIKE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING TOPICS DURING FORTHCOMING
MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE ON JUNE 17. THIS OUTLINE
SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH REFTEL, IN WHICH
FULLER TREATMENT OF SOME OF THESE ISSUES IS GIVEN.

2. SOUTHERN AFRICA-WILLIAMS HOPES TO BE INFORMED FULLY
ON USG EFFORTS TO RESOLVE SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES AND
OUR ASSESSMENT OF OUTLOOK. GOTT FEELS IT HAS INADEQUATE
DIRECT SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

3. HEMISPHERIC AFFAIRS --USG ASSESSMENT OF HEMISPHERIC
ISSUES AND DIALOGUE AT OAS IN GRENADA.

4. THE CARIBBEAN--PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WILL DISCUSS
HIS ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

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5. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT--DR. WILLIAMS WILL WISH TO
OUTLINE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM AND HIS HOPE FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION WITH
U.S. FIRMS AND ACCESS TO U.S. MARKETS.

6. TRADE--THIS WAS CITED AS A SUBJECT WHICH DR. WILLIAMS

AND HIS MINISTERS WISH TO DISCUSS IN SOME DETAIL, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT YET HAVE A FEEL FOR THE SHAPE OF THAT DISCUSSION OTHER THAN WILLIAMS' CONCERN FOR ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET FOR TRINIDADIAN FERTILIZER, STEEL AND OTHER PRODUCTS ENVISAGED IN INDUSTRIALIZATION PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE THE CONTINUING PROBLEMS OF THE RUM TARIFF (SEE REFTEL) AND FUTURE SUGAR MARKETS.

7. BWIA --THE GOAL OF MAKING BWIA (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S FLAG AIRLINE) TRULY A VIABLE REGIONAL CARRIER FOR THE CARIBBEAN HAS LONG BEEN CLOSE TO WILLIAMS' HEART. SINCE WE HAVE NO IMMEDIATE OUTSTANDING AVIATION ISSUES, WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF PROSPECTS FOR EXPANDING BWIA SERVICES IN THE FUTURE, INCLUDING ROUTE STRUCTURES AND POSSIBLE NEW SERVICE TO HOUSTON.

8. TECHNOLOGY --THE GOTT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE S SEPARATE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY ON SATURDAY MORNING TO EXPLORE USG THINKING ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, INCLUDING ANY EVOLVING MECHANISMS WITHIN USG TO FACILITATE INFORMATION FLOW ON TECHNOLOGY AND ANY AID PROGRAMS WHICH MAY BE ADDRESSED TO QUESTION OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN THE CARIBBEAN CONTEXT. PERHAPS THIS WOULD BE EXCELLENT TIME TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PARAMETERS FOR PROPOSED CARIBBEAN REGIONAL APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. TRINIDAD PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROPOSED DISCUSSION WOULD BE: DR. KENNETH JULIEN, CHAIRMAN, COORDINATING TASK FORCE ON ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIES; CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MR. LENNOX BALLAH, ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IT COULD ALSO BE A GOOD OCCASION TO GET THE GOTT TO SPECIFY IN PRACTICAL TERMS WHAT IT ACTUALLY WANTS IN TERMS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER THAT EXISTING PROCEDURES AND MECHANISMS NOW BEING USED BY THE GOTT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CANNOT ALREADY PROVIDE.

9. IT IS NOT USUAL PRACTICE OF GOTT TO ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT CONCLUSION OF SUCH A VISIT, AND NO RPT NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE IS DESIRED.
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